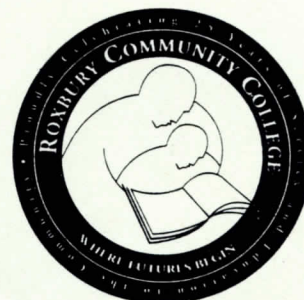


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Spring'98 Student Protest Analyzed

by
Freddie Williams

Approximately 100 students at Roxbury Community College presented a list of demands to the college Administration on May 8, 1998 in an all-day takeover of the Administrative Office. The list of demands included expanded student activities, more social clubs, more events, faculty lectures to coincide with education, guidance and to direct students to become more involved.

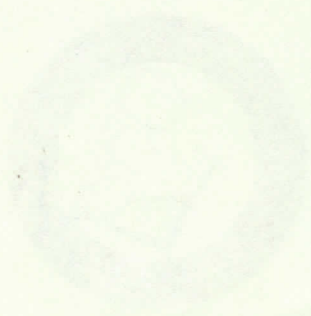
RCC students negotiated with the college administration to have these needs met. Additional demands included quality field trips related to academic courses, which are a great learning experience as well as encouraging higher GPAs. Other demands

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Editorial: The Student's Problem

By the Editor

The student's problem is a subject of great importance to the community. It is a problem that has been discussed for many years, and it is one that is still being discussed today. The student's problem is a problem that is faced by all students, and it is a problem that is faced by all students in all parts of the world. The student's problem is a problem that is faced by all students, and it is a problem that is faced by all students in all parts of the world.

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included expansion of library books, computer and Internet curriculum, appropriate use of the large space in the Student Center, a campus game room to provide students with a warm welcome and an uplifting campus life.

Did the protest of last May help RCC for better goals?

Student Government President Jean-Brice Dickens said, "It was a failure for the administration to see problems like books in the library, Computer Internet and no student government. That's why students got together because we have the right for more activities."

Starting this new semester, the office of Student activities issued several new student clubs with selections from College Transfer awareness Club through Science Tech Club and many others.

"Activities areas during periods I go to the lounge or library, but most students I see in the hallways. We are in the process of getting that resolved for better activities," Dickens said. "But education wise, professors need to make students learning interesting with more impact more communication from both sides. We also have access to the Internet in Room 330, Dickens added.

On the protest itself, Student Trustee Shenna J. Smith said, "I think in some manner it opened some doors with the Administration but for the most part little got resolved. I also know students want to join efforts to make things change, but communication is the key to building, so students must speak up! More programs are getting done with student activities work shops and budgeting more money for new student clubs."

Student Representatives are also making the social area more interesting for students such as having the Dunkin Donuts in the Student Center.

"We are definitely working on the student game room for long periods in student schedules," Smith said.

Students with concerns can contact the Office of Student Activities in Room 317 in the Student Center.

Mass Schools Show Opportunities at College Fair

by

Rosemary Hurley

Roxbury Community College held its annual College Fair on October 28, 1998 at the Reggie Lewis Track and Athletic Center. Over one hundred colleges from Southern, Northern and Eastern Massachusetts attended.

The representatives were very professional and welcomed the students with a positive attitude. Every representative tried to reach out to every student. They were also able to assist a student if you wanted to make a change immediately.

There is no age discrimination at these colleges.

There were several Ivy League Universities at the College fair, including Boston University and Harvard University. The College fair was excellent for many students to participate. Many Colleges that serve older Americans who wanted to attend and further their education. A few colleges have special programs to help assist the students as well as adults for a positive transitional and transfer program. The school official at the College Fair was Patricia Brown of the College Survival Seminar and Lori Nash, the Assistant Director of the Careers Program.

However, Jason, one RCC student, admitted to being disappointed because he was looking for out of state colleges. He needs to see Mrs. Holly Guran, the Director of Careers and Transfer at RCC. She is able to help transferring students and also assists students in which type of college books to research in. Jason will be fine. Jason will need to get in touch also with the Seminar for College survival. She will help him to visit the college of his choice.

The College Fair is important, and other colleges should try to make a trip to Roxbury Community College. At the next college Fair there will be many colleges and universities present and hopefully the administration will encourage out of state colleges to visit Roxbury Community College.

New Club Forms

by

Patsy Rector

The Bible Club has formed and is inviting RCC students who are interested to attend. People of all denominations and students and faculty and staff are welcome. The Bible Club studies the Bible with all individuals who would like to know more about Jesus.

The Bible Club will offer an outlet for adults to study the Bible, something not often available in many venues. If you want to know how Bible can help with study habits, come right on over. The Bible Club meets in the Student Center in room 315 on Tuesdays at 11:30 a.m to 12:30 p.m. The Faculty Advisor for the organization is Alice Brown Collins.

Keeping RCC Clean--Whose Job Is It?

by

Keita S. Fennick

According to some students and teachers at RCC, there have been continuous complaints of classrooms not being cleaned, uncleaned bathroom facilities and no toilet paper available in the bathroom.

Students and professors have also complained about an earlier leakage of water in the East side of the Academic Building. William Bowden, an RCC student said, "I could've broken my neck if I'd slipped in that water."

Maintenance supervisor Mike Richardson stated that, "Maintenance Crews have worked on the leakage in the Academic Building."

According to Dale Robinson, a janitor in the Building and Grounds Department, "Students do not keep up their responsibility in helping to maintain buildings and grounds." Robinson also stated, "Students are actually leaving trash on the floors and in the bathroom sinks."

Students have complained about chalk dust on the floors for weeks. Tasha Daye, a student at RCC said, "I have allergy problems, and I can hardly breathe with all that chalk dust in the air. We need better workers."

Harry Stall, a janitor at RCC said that some students are highly irresponsible for picking up after themselves. He also stated that students take advantage of maintenance by not flushing toilets, and throwing trash on the floors, thinking somebody's going to clean up after them. "The students wouldn't like it if the school closed all of its bathrooms."

Jennifer Freeman, a Liberal Arts major at RCC claims that some students do leave the bathrooms filthy sometimes. She also said that she has seen some janitors sitting around when they were supposed to be working.

We did our own tour of the RCC campus to investigate these complaints. At the Reggie Lewis Track Building, there was no sign of any trash in any rooms. Every gym locker that the *Chronicle* investigated was clean. We checked out the Media Arts Building, but the *Chronicle* didn't see any sign of trash anywhere in that building. We also checked out the Administrative building, where there wasn't any sign of trash or rooms in an un-orderly fashion. The fourth building we investigated was the Academic Building. The *Chronicle* went to a lot of rooms that had trash, crumbs and gum sticking to the floor. The outcome was that half of the rooms in the Academic Building were out of order. The fifth building, the Student Center, has three floors. Each floor that the *Chronicle* investigated did not have any trash or chairs in an un-orderly fashion.

Because the Academic Building was the main building that had problems, the students and janitors will have to cooperate in keeping RCC clean.

RCC 25th Anniversary Gala Set for December 12

by

Michael D. Sage

In honor of its quarter of a century of service to the Roxbury Community, RCC students, faculty and staff are all invited to kick up their heels at the 25th anniversary celebration Saturday evening, December 12, from 8:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m at the Reggie Lewis Track and Athletic Center.

"It will be a fun filled evening," said Gail Jackson, Executive Director of Communications at RCC. "It will be a true celebration of Roxbury Community College's history."

The evening will feature many international foods, a silent auction, dancing and live music. Proceeds from the silent auction will benefit RCC student scholarships and programs, including, according to Jackson, the hospitality program, the purchase of new library books and software upgrades. "These are things we hope this event will garner," Jackson said.

Live music will be provided by jazz musician Andre Ward, Culture Jam and Gospel musicians. In addition, there will be many more surprises, including surprise celebrity guests, Jackson said.

Students, faculty, staff and senior citizens may purchase a maximum of 4 tickets for \$35 each. Tickets went on sale November 16 and will be on sale in the Academic Building several days each week between now and the benefit.

The general admission price for the event is \$100.00. Tickets of \$125.00 are available for those who wish to be listed as a Supporter of the College. In order to be listed in the benefit gala program book as a Supporter of the College, tickets must be purchased no later than Wednesday, November 25.

"We are also looking for student and alumni volunteers," Jackson said, adding that individuals who volunteer to work a few hours that evening will receive free admission to the Gala. Volunteer positions available include escorts, ushers, coat checkers, and individuals interested in helping clean up after the event as well as many other positions.

"Many of our basketball players and cheerleaders have already volunteered to be hosts and hostesses," Jackson said.

Those interested in purchasing tickets or receiving for more information on this Gala Event should call Carolyn Triplett at 617-541-5304.

Learning Center Provides Student Support

by

Rosemary Hurley

Roxbury Community College has a learning center, located on the second floor of the Academic Building, in room 207, just past the Library. At the Learning Center, there are tutors for students who need extra help with their academic courses.

Roberta Schotka is the manager of the Learning Center. Her role is to see that operations run and work well in meeting student needs.

When you enter the Center, you will meet a receptionist named Donna Moore. Donna will explain and help you with the intake procedure, which involves filling out an application. Following the processing of your application, you will be able to use the Learning Center. It has many strong programs for student support, including computers.

To keep the students happy, they have an evaluation form at the Learning Center for the students to fill out. If the students have any ideas or suggestions, you can fill out the form, and Roberta will evaluate them. This way they will know how to improve the college facilities.

They also have other groups that use the center, including the New Beginnings Program for High School Students.

These types of programs have been developed across the commonwealth to help students succeed in college.

Gang Unity In Boston

by

Keita S. Fennick

A recent issue of the *Dorchester Community News* included statistics that show that in the last ten years, there have been over twelve hundred murders in the metropolitan Boston area. Whether it was kids being shot, district attorneys being shot or cops being murdered, it was an on-going war of violence.

The crime rate has gone down in the past five years due to the incarceration of many young males. In the *Dorchester Community News*, statistics show that fifty-five percent of all crimes were committed in the Boston area by males 15-29 years of age.

Andy Martiniez, a student at RCC says, "Locking the young up won't do any good. We need love, rehabilitation and guidance for these kids."

Drugs are still on the rise; they play a major role in crime. It will continue to keep the crime rate from falling low. Boston police officer, Poncho Steven says that "There are have been over 100 drug busts city-wide."

There have been more and more teenagers selling drugs in the Boston area. A former RCC student, "John Doe", admits to selling drugs. He states, "That shit bag Bill Weld and Paul Cellucci didn't give a damn about inner-city kids." He also states, "Once start my rapping career, I will leave the drug game alone."

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Def Jeff, who is a part of the Boston rap group R.S.O., has worked with "John" or bringing together all the gangs in Boston.

"John" said, "I'm trying harder and harder to help get more people off the street and into RCC. I feel knowledge can help change a person around."

"John" and Jeff have also worked with Ray Dog, the head of the R.S.O. since 1996. Together they have brought together some of the most violent and rival gangs. Their idea was to form a rap group, have a hit record and make ten times the money a drug dealer on the corner makes. As well, the group would positively represent the city of Boston. This group would be called Wise Guys, or W.G. It took a year, but they have succeeded in their plan. Wise Guys is made up of one person from eight rival Boston gangs.

"I'm trying harder and harder to help more people off the street and into RCC. I feel knowledge can help change a person around."

The Boston Police Department gets credit for the fall in crime in Boston, but some of the credit should go to the rap group R.S.O. for uniting eight of the most rival gangs. The credit didn't go to R.S.O. for helping each member of the gang for the opportunity of wealth and fame in the rap industry.

Another RCC student, Tony Hall, said, "The Boston Police Department gets for solving the gang problem. R.S.O.'s the real reason for the drop in crime."

R.S.O. helped stop brothers from selling drugs in the community. It gave some brothers the idea that they could do things like rap, or produce music or films and make three times as much money they could selling drugs. It showed me you can get a lot of things done by uniting people.

RCC students have traveled through the city of Boston handing out RCC brochures to people, especially teenagers who are selling drugs or getting into trouble on the streets.

John Stacey, a professor at Umass/Boston states, "It is time for parents to get more involved with their children. The children are the future. The reason there is a lot of crime is the fact that parents weren't there for their children. So, if people get involved, the parents, people in the community, teachers and the youth all of the inner city neighborhoods would improve."

OPINION

Be Encouraged

by

Andre Solomon Cook

Before you is a challenge. A dare to dream, and fulfill the dream. There are many facets to our personalities and various interests that parade through our hearts. To only focus on the practical what you deem the most reasonable is not only a disservice to you and those who know you but the rest of the population. It is a true act of selfishness and that is very hard to forgive.

How dare you cheat the world by hiding your brilliance and keeping your views and perceptions in reticent. Who are you to say your thoughts are foolish and bury them in the earth before they have had time to grow and feel the sunlight, embrace the thoughts of others and open their eyes. We all have the power to change the world, one thought at a time.

The winds of change are blowing. The pendulum of life has swung from extreme to extreme and is finally returning to the center. You control the outcome by your will alone. Alter the face of the world! Bring sanity to an insane world! Now more than ever reach out to your dreams! Complete your goals! Investigate the impossible and entertain all possibilities! Become a child at play with your goals and hopes and pursue true happiness!

Invitation To Participate

by

Sheng Huey Yu

My name is Sheng Huey. I am from Taiwan, and I am a Buddhist Monk. I have been attending Roxbury Community College for two years and have seen many things. I think that it will be interesting for the students to read what I say in my stories. I think I bring a different perspective to this school and can give a different point of view about some things. I hope that what I write can be interesting and also educational. I think that this is the purpose of a publication.

Another purpose of our publication is to give everyone a place to express their ideas. For this reason, I hope that many students will write to the newspaper to say how they feel and what they are thinking about. I think this will make the many students at RCC feel more unified. In every issue, I hope to write about something that I think is important. I invite any student who wants to write to me to do so. I hope our dialogue will be interesting to everyone.

I hope that our publication becomes successful and influential.

FEATURES

RCC Students Reflect On Russian Economic Crisis

by

Sofiya Dobromyslova

News about the Russian economic crisis shook the whole world. The stock market is unstable. Moreover, politicians speculate about the probability of Russia returning to Communism, and who will be responsible if that happens.

As a matter of fact, there are many students from the former USSR at RCC who are affected by this event. The *Roxbury Chronicle* conducted a survey of ten students and let them express their feelings about modern Russia. The students surveyed are between 50 and 70 years old. They all held jobs in Russia, but when their children or close relatives went to the West, they had to leave their homes and follow their children. Unfortunately, they all have the great problem with the English language, which is of course why they can't find a position according to their skills.

These students have been in the United States from two to five years. Fortunately they don't feel nostalgia. They like America and thank the American government for giving them an opportunity to live here. They do their best to getting accustomed to the new life and make their experience serve the new country.

Survey on Russia's Economic Crisis

How did the news of the Russian economic collapse influence your feelings?

Sad: 50% Shocked: 30% Indifferent: 20%

What keeps you in touch with modern Russia?

Family and Friends: 80% Children: 20%

How might Russia's economic crisis affect you?

Psychologically: 50% Never: 30% Financially: 10% Don't Know: 10%

What factors do you think has caused this economic crisis?

Inflation: 40% Crime/Terrorism: 30% War/Revolution: 20% Don't Know: 10%

Will anything positive come from this crisis?

Nothing positive: 90% Don't Know: 10%

In your opinion, who is guilty?

Current Russian Government: 80% 74 years of Communism: 20%

Boston Cable Launches Self-Esteem Shows

by

Sofiya Dobromyslova

Self-Esteem Boston is an organization which provides many useful programs. One such program is Self Esteem Talk Radio, their weekly radio talk show. Hosted by Self Esteem Boston president Marion Davis, the show is broadcast on 1600 WUNR AM every Wednesday from 9:00 to 10:00 p.m. Callers can reach the show at (617) 367-8456.

Self-Esteem Boston also sponsors free community service programs for women and men who are recovery from substance abuse, who are low-income parents with children and for emergency shelter residents. They also sponsor activities and events for senior citizens.

On November 14, they began a new cable TV series, Self-Esteem Boston's SPEAKING UP! On this show, elders will be taking action on health care issues with Marion Davis and Naomi Raiselle. It will be broadcast on Saturday mornings from 8:00 am to 9:00 am on Boston Cable Channel A-12.

If you watch all six one hour shows, you will be eligible to win a vacation for two. To enter the prize drawing, call 617-983-1111.

In October, Self Esteem Boston sponsored their 4th annual "Unforgettable You Dance," and they invited everyone to "Get Foxy at the Roxy." Over 800 senior citizens participated and enjoyed the live Bob Beachelder Totem Pole Bank with Paul Newman Schlosberg, Steve "Frank Sinatra" Marvin, and Ron Della Chiesa as well as special performances by the 464 Follies, the Massachusetts Ballroom Dancers, the South End Polynesians. The participants had a great time doing line dancing and ballroom dancing as well as eating and drinking.

The program was sponsored by First Seniority, Harvard Pilgrim Health Care, the Senior Advocate, Citizens Banks, WXKS AM, Entenmann's Good Humour, Breyers and National Amusements.

The Nature of Buddhism

by

Sheng Huey Yu

The name Buddhism is the Philosophy of Awakening. This philosophy has its origins in the experience of the man Siddhata Gotama, known as the Buddah, who was himself awakened at the age of 36. Buddhism is now 2,500 years old and has about 300 million followers world-wide. Until a hundred years ago, Buddhism was mainly an Asian

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philosophy but increasingly it is gaining adherents in Europe and America.

Philosophy is the love of wisdom. The meanings describing Buddhism perfectly. Buddhism teaches that we should try to develop our intellectual capacity to the fullest so that we can understand clearly. It also teaches us to develop love and kindness so that we can be like a true friend to all beings. So Buddhism is a philosophy but not just a philosophy. It is the supreme philosophy.

Who was the Buddha?

In the year 563 B.C., a baby was born into a royal family in northern India. He grew up in wealth and luxury but eventually found that worldly comfort and security do not guarantee happiness. He was deeply moved by the suffering he saw all around and resolved to find the key to human happiness.

When he was 29, he left his wife and child and set off to sit at the feet of the great religious teachers of the day to learn from them. They taught him much but none really knew the cause of human suffering and how it could be overcome. Eventually, after six years of study and meditation, he had an experience in which all ignorance fell away, and he suddenly understood. From that day onwards, he was called the Buddha, the Awakened One. He lived for another 45 years in which time he traveled all northern India, teaching others what he had discovered.

How to Become a Buddhist

It would be best to join a good temple or Buddhist group, support them and be supported by them and continue to learn more about the Buddha's teachings. Then, when you are ready, you would formally become a Buddhist by taking the Three Refuges.

The Three Refuges

A refuge is a place where people go when they are distressed or when they need safety and security. There are many types of refuge. When people are unhappy, they take refuges with their friends. When they are worried and frightened, they might take refuge in false hopes and beliefs. As they approach death, they might take refuge in the belief in an eternal heaven. But, as the Buddha says, none of these are true refuges because they do not give comfort and security based on reality.

Taking Refuge in the Buddha is a confident acceptance of the fact that one can become fully enlightened and perfected just as the Buddha was.

Taking refuge in the Dhamma means understanding the four Noble Truths and basing one's life on the Noble Eightfold. The Four Noble Truths are Suffering, Cause of Suffering, Transcending of Suffering and Noble Eightfold path that leads to the Transcending of Suffering.

Taking Refuge in the Sangha means looking for support, inspiration and guidance from all who walk the Noble Eightfold path. Doing this one becomes a Buddhist and thus takes the first step on the path towards Nirvana, becoming one with the Universe.

Meditation Is a Way to Explore Yourself

by

Sheng Huey Yu

Meditation is a conscious effort to change how the mind works. The Dali word for meditation is "Bhavana" which means "to make grow" or "to develop."

Meditation is important. No matter how much we may wish to be good, if we cannot change the desires that make us act the way we do, change will be difficult. For example, a person may realize that he is impatient with his wife, and he may promise himself, "From now on, I am not going to be so impatient." But an hour later, he may be shouting at his wife simply because, not being aware of himself, impatience has arisen without him knowing. Meditation helps to develop the awareness and the energy needed to transform ingrained mental habit patterns.

Types of Meditation

The Buddha taught many different types of meditation, each designed to overcome a particular problem or to develop a particular psychological state. But the two most common and useful types of meditation are Mindfulness of Breathing and Loving Kindness Meditation.

Mindfulness of Breathing

In order to do this type of meditation, you would follow these easy steps: Place, Posture, Practice and Problems. First, find a suitable place, perhaps a room that is not too noisy and where you are not likely to be disturbed. Second, sit in a comfortable posture. A good posture is to sit with your legs folded, a pillow under your buttocks, your back straight, the hands nestled in the lap and the eyes closed. Alternately, you can sit in a chair as long as you keep your back straight.

Next comes the actual practice itself. As you sit quietly with your eyes closed, you focus your attention on the in and out movement of the breath. This can be done by counting the breaths or watching the rise and fall of the abdomen. When this is done, certain problems and difficulties arise. You might experience irritating itches on the body or discomfort in the knees. If this happens, try to keep the body relaxed without moving and keep focusing on the breath. You will probably have many intruding thoughts coming into your mind and distracting your attention from the breath.

The only way you can deal with this problem is to patiently keep returning your attention to your breath. If you keep doing this, eventually thoughts will weaken, your concentration will become stronger and you will have moments of deep mental calm and inner peace.

It is good to meditate for 15 minutes every day for a week and then extend the time by 5 minutes each week until you are meditating for 45 minutes. After a few weeks of regular daily meditation, you will start to notice that your concentration gets better, there are less thoughts and you have moments of real peace and stillness.

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Loving Kindness Meditation

Once you are familiar with Mindfulness of Breathing and are practicing it regularly, you can start practicing Loving Kindness Meditation. It should be done two or three times each week after you have done Mindfulness of Breathing.

First, you turn your attention to yourself and say to yourself words like "May I be well and happy. May I be peaceful and calm. May I be protected from dangers. May my mind be free of hatred. May my heart be filled with love. May I be well and happy."

Then, one by one you think of a loved person, a neutral person, that is someone you neither like nor dislike and finally a disliked person, wishing each of them well as you do so.

Benefits of Meditation

If you do Loving Kindness Meditation regularly and with the right attitude, you will find very positive changes taking place within yourself. You will find that you are able to be more accepting and forgiving towards yourself. You will find that the feelings you have towards your loved ones will increase. You will find yourself making friends with people you used to be indifferent and uncaring towards, and you will find the ill will or resentment you have towards some people will lessen and eventually be dissolved. Sometimes if you know of someone who is sick, unhappy or encountering difficulties, you can include them in your meditation and very often you will find their situation improving.

How Is that Possible?

The mind, when properly developed, is a very powerful instrument. If we can learn to focus our mental energy and project it towards others, it can have an effect upon them. You may have had an experience like this. Perhaps you are in a crowded room and you get this feeling that someone is watching you. You turn around and, sure enough, someone is staring at you. What has happened is that you have picked up that other person's mental energy. Loving Kindness Meditation is like this. We project positive mental energy towards others, and it gradually transforms them.

RCC Professors Profiled

BRUCE SCOTT: "My Students Are My Children"

THOMAS REEVES: "I Believe in the Possibility of Social Change Through Education"

by

Sofiya Dobromyslova

There are many good teachers at RCC, and two of them the students are really crazy about. Professor Thomas Reeves and Professor Bruce Scott are definitely admired for their methods of teaching and the students really appreciate the contribution these teachers make.

Frankly, students differ in their ability to study. They are diligent and lazy, intelligent and obtuse, active and passive--it depends on the student's background, style of life, health, family and so on. But these teachers are capable of waking everyone.

Their lectures are always interesting and exciting. It is because of an active participation of all the students in creating a search of the truth when students quickly answer the teachers' witty questions.

Reeves and Scott, giving the students a homework assignment, always provides a great many materials for clarification. Therefore, the students take pleasure in learning at home.

Moreover, Scott doesn't make students buy very expensive textbooks which usually become obsolete a week after the students buy them. He examines a lot of books, writes his own excellent essays and hands it out among the students for free.

In his turn, Reeves, in spite of his incredible business, finds time after his job to bring the students with their families and friends to the museums where he tells the students about the great cultures of ancient people.

Both professors teach the students about how to think and create ideas instead of to drill and copy others' biases.

When I remember the classes I've had with them, the only thing I'm sorry about is that I've already finished their classes and cannot take them again. To take their classes is a great opportunity to benefit yourself, and I believe that the administration of RCC should be proud to have such a gift as these perfect teachers on staff.

Scott teaches two classes in the Humanities Department: Logic for Everyday Use and Introduction to Art. He was born in Detroit, Michigan in 1937 and came to Boston for his job. He graduated from the University of Michigan and went to the Ohio State University for work on a Ph.D., which he hasn't completed. His major was philosophy, especially the philosophy of aesthetics. Aesthetics means something which relates to beauty and the study of beauty.

Scott says, "I enjoy my job because I enjoy contact with people, especially at RCC, where people are from different cultures and are all ages. It keeps me young

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because people are just beginning to learn.”

Scott loves music, museums, movies, dance and traveling to art museums. By the way, he danced classical East Indian Dance. He also does Tai Chi, a Chinese form of meditation. He reads a lot of books to find meaning to life.

He is married and lives with his wife and cat. He says, “My students are my children.”

He is a vegetarian and an animal rights advocate.

Reeves is a member of the Social Science Department and he teaches two classes: World History I and Introduction to Cultural Anthropology. He was born in a small town in countryside, Tennessee in 1938 and came to Boston for a job. Reeves received a lot of degrees in different places. They are Birmingham University in southern Alabama, where his major was History and Political Science. A Theology Degree from Harvard University, where his major was Ethics (the study of moral rules and behavior) for Master's of Divinity; MA International relations from American University in Washington DC. He has worked on two doctoral degrees in American University and in German Universities--Free University in Berlin and in Humboldt University in East Germany, where he completed his D. Phil., but he could not receive it because of political problems.

In spite of his incredible experience in studying, Reeves says, “I do not believe that academic degrees are proof of a good teacher.”

The professor also says, “I like the students. I like the art of teaching, but besides teaching, I am also a community organizer at RCC.” He directs the Caribbean Focus program to organize the students and Caribbean Communities to work for social justice.

He likes his job as an organizer because, he says, “I believe that Community Colleges have as a purpose to organize a community. And I enjoy all that.” He adds, “I like people, and I believe in the possibility of social change through education. But what I don't like is,” he continues thoughtfully, “that the RCC administration doesn't treat the professors, the students and the community with respect. It makes me unhappy.”

Reeves likes singing. Moreover, he sings himself. He also travels to experience other cultures.

Thomas Reeves is a distinguished man and things which surround him are unusual too. For example, his family is not a traditional one. It might be traditional in ancient Rome, or Greece, or Egypt or India, but is not in modern America. When his family meets around a Thanksgiving table, there may be 24 people. Reeves says, “I have nine children from 21 to 38 years old. One of them is my own, other one is my girlfriend's, and seven others are foster children. I have two partners, male and female. I have four grandchildren and two new ones are just coming.”

The professor is smiling and adds, “I am very proud of my family. It is not traditional, but it is a family.” It is certainly a small community which the professor could well organize.

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CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

Submit your articles, essays, letters, line art drawings, announcements and poetry or short fiction for our December issue by **December 4** to:

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CALENDAR

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19:

The Great American Smoke-Out!

Coming up Strong Performance in the College Auditorium, 6:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20:

Coming Up Strong Performance in the College Auditorium, 6:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21:

Coming Up Strong Performance in the College Auditorium, 6:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 5:00 P.M.

Thanksgiving Recess Begins

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30:

Returning Student Registration

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8:

Returning Student Registration Ends

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11:

Classes End.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12:

Roxbury Community College's 25th Anniversary Gala, the Reggie Lewis Track and Athletic Center, 8 p.m. to 2 p.m. Featuring multi-cultural cuisine, a walk down memory lane, silent auction, and dancing to some of Boston's finest entertainment.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 14:

DCE Classes End

Final Exams Begin

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17:

Final Exams End

UPCOMING**JANUARY 19, 20, 21:**

Spring Semester Registration

JANUARY 25:

Classes begin

JANUARY 26, 27:

Late Registration

RCC SPORTS CALENDAR

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL GAMES

Wednesday, November 25	North Essex	6:00 p.m.	Home
Tuesday, December 1	Hesser	6:00 p.m.	Away
Monday, December 7	Dean	7:00 p.m.	Home
Wednesday, December 9	Mass Bay	6:00 p.m.	Away
Thursday, December 10	Massasoit	6:00 p.m.	Home

MEN'S BASKETBALL GAMES

Thursday, November 19	Hesser	7:00 p.m.	Away
Saturday, November 21	N. Shore	2:00 p.m.	Away
Monday, November 23	U/Conn Avery	7:00 p.m.	Home
Wednesday, November 25	N. Essex	8:00 p.m.	Home
Saturday, November 28	Norwalk	4:00 p.m.	Home
Monday, November 30	Manchester	5:30 p.m.	Home
Tuesday, December 1	Newbury	7:00 p.m.	Home
Saturday, December 5	Essex	12:30 p.m.	Home
Wednesday, December 9	Mass Bay	8:00 p.m.	Away

